

House Resolution No. 961

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize the Broadway Baptist Church, of Springfield, Missouri, which is observing its fiftieth anniversary; and

Whereas, in April of 1955, Hamlin Baptist Church of Springfield established a mission church in a store building at the corner of Talmage Street and Broadway Avenue in Springfield; and

Whereas, this building soon became too small for the congregation and property was purchased by the Hamlin Baptist Church in the 2500 block of North Broadway; and

Whereas, a basement church was constructed by the “mother church” on this site at 2537 North Broadway, and the mission church moved in during 1956; and

Whereas, on March 9, 1958, one hundred fifty-four members met and chartered the mission as a free-standing church to be affiliated with the Greene County Baptist Association, the Missouri Baptist Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention, and thus began the Broadway Baptist Church; and

Whereas, since 1958, the Church has undergone three major expansions and renovations; and

Whereas, today, the Broadway Baptist Church has more than thirteen hundred members, with an average Sunday attendance of six hundred fifty; and

Whereas, the Broadway Baptist Church has numerous ministries for people of all ages, along with community outreach and a world-wide-mission emphasis:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere congratulations to the Broadway Baptist Church on the illustrious occasion of its fiftieth anniversary, with our best wishes for many more successful years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Broadway Baptist Church, of Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Charlie Norr
District No. 137

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 961, adopted March 6, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker